



SPOTLIGHTING CONTINUING EDUCATION

New continuing education curriculum for arborists will raise the bar

The LAA is slated to begin administering continuing education for arborists in fall 2025. Scott Courtright has been working with LSU and the Department of Agriculture to develop the new curriculum, which will give arborists more choices in training and the way in which they take the courses. For example, previously arborists would have to take a day away from work to travel to the location where the continuing education classes were held and sit through six hours of a class on ethics or whatever subject was being featured that day. The LAA's upcoming continuing education program will change that. "If the CEU requirement is six hours every year, then we will have a live proctor like we do now, but we'll also offer online courses in shorter versions that can be done at home or work, ([read full article](#))

LAA's NEW EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Scott Courtright has spent decades championing best practices for Louisiana arborists and sharing his extensive knowledge to help other arboriculturists understand the science of forestry. As the owner of Trinity Tree Consultants, Scott shares his expertise about wildlife, forestry, phytoremediation, management, and planting, in addition to providing litigation support.

Scott graduated from LSU with a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management, and later earned his master's degree in urban forestry from Southern University. He served as an adjunct professor at Southern University for several years, teaching urban forestry classes. For the past seven years, he has taught arborists continuing education courses for LSU and Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

Currently, Scott is developing the continuing education curriculum for the Louisiana Arborist Association (LAA) and working with the Department of Agriculture to rewrite the arboricultural test.



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